No. R-229. House concurrent resolution recognizing National Foster Care Month in Vermont.

(H.C.R.156)

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, foster care can serve as a temporary haven for children whose birth parents are unable to provide nurturing care, and

Whereas, the success of foster care is dependent on a collaborative partnership of public and private organizations, and

<u>Whereas</u>, foster care provides a safe environment for children until a return to their birth parents becomes possible, and in some instances, foster care may lead to a new permanent home through adoption, and

Whereas, in Vermont, there exists a network of 1,500 foster, kinship, and respite providers who offer shelter, comfort, and guidance to over 1,000 Vermont children, and

Whereas, since 1988, National Foster Care Month has recognized the dedicated adults whose service as foster parents plays a central role in the lives of the children in their care, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes May 2022 as National Foster Care Month in Vermont, and be it further

<u>Resolved</u>: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Commissioner of Children and Families Sean Brown.